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SUBJECT: PETUR VUTOV ASSIGNED BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED
ARAB REPUBLIC

1. NOVEMBER 4 PRESS REPORTED ASSIGNMENT DR. PETUR VUTOV AS BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (UAR). VUTOV IS A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT WITH SERVICE ABROAD INCLUDING THE US AS PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVE AND TWICE AS CHIEF OF MISSION IN WASHINGTON, INDIA (1955), UNITED KINGDOM (1966-68), AND THE NETHERLANDS (1969-72). HIS DOMESTIC ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED STATE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND ART AS WELL AS THE MFA WHERE HE SERVED BRIEFLY (1962-63), AS FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. MOST RECENTLY, VUTOV HAS BEEN SPECIAL ADVISOR TO FONMIN PETUR MLADENOV ON PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY.

2. VUTOV REPORTEDLY SPEAKS ENGLISH, RUSSIAN AND CLASSICAL GREEK. HE IS CULTURED, WELL EDUCATED INDIVIDUAL WHO, PARTICULARLY IN RECENT YEARS, HAS PROBABLY MAINTAINED POSITION IN BULGARIAN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE LARGELY THROUGH POSSESSION DIPLOMATIC SKILLS RATHER THAN POLITICAL CREDENTIALS. AVAILABLE BACKGROUND DATA REFLECTS AT LEAST TWO "BLEMISHES" OM
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HIS RECORD, MOST RECENTLY A MARCH 1966 OFFICIAL BCP

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPRIMAND FOR "BEHAVIOR UNBECOMING AN OFFICIAL" IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED VUTOV AFFAIR WITH WELL KNOWN OPERA SINGER. WITHOUT REAL INSIGHT INTO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAIRO POST TO BULGARIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EMBASSY VIEWS ASSIGNMENT AS EXTENSION OF THE "SIDEWAYS" TREND WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED VUTOV'S CAREER FOR PAST TEN YEARS.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ADDED TO BIO ON VUTOV SINCE HIS RETURN TO SOFIA IN 1972 FROM THE HAGUE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO UPDATA CA-362 (20 JANUARY 1970) FOR CAIRO.
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